

Application No.: 10/711,382

Docket No.: 22040-00021-US1

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-4 are now pending in this application. Claims 2 and 4 are independent. Claim 1 has been canceled, and no claims have been amended or added by this amendment.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kolluri et al. (US 6,476,678) is requested. Claim 1 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4 are allowed.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00021-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

By Larry J. Hume  
Larry J. Hume

Registration No.: 44,163  
CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP  
1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036-3425  
(202) 331-7111  
(202) 293-6229 (Fax)  
Attorney for Applicant